

1/27/70

Dear Paul and Gary,

Gary has not seen it yet, but Paul has the 1/22 letter from ⁱⁿroads which tells me that Rowley honored my request of 12/9/69, or at least went through the motions and makes the pretense. Which remains to be seen.

The enclosed letter carries this further. You will note I have not specified the records, that I have not told him who gave ~~what~~ receipts when and for what, who made what memoranda. If he thinks I cannot, I will, as I will if there is no response within a reasonable time. If in, let us say a month, I have not sent you either a letter from him or a copy of mine, I'd appreciate being reminded. I have special reasons for not giving him a list in advance. But it is not because I cannot. This does include other autopsy records. I would prefer that he not do this voluntarily, for he will be more unhappy when I do show my knowledge, one of the possible results being a more reasonable attitude in the future.

Meanwhile, if either of you has any proof of existing Secret Service records not in the WC files, please let me know so I can go for them, too. The Secret Service is, I believe, in an especially compromised position here for a number of reasons, not the least of which are their responsibility to see that what did happen could not and the fact that none of their relevant files can be withheld under the "investigative" provision because they had no law-enforcement purposes. There are others.

Regardless of whether this film also is tainted or whether or not it shows what I can detect as not in the other, this and the previous things I have sent you I believe are proof that if we go about it properly and without public attention or more, scandal, we do have a chance of getting what we are entitled to in at least some cases. They also illustrate one of the reasons I am anxious that others do not know of the things I am doing and have.

If I have reason to suspect there is a difference, I shall attempt to get simultaneous projection or, if they refuse this, will attempt to make a frame count on each version.

In my earlier notes today, I meant to call to your attention and forgot that Shaw's lawyers are not screaming for immediate trial. After winning the first case, would not one assume this to be standard?

Sincerely,